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1. In general, the organization and structure of the Communist Party of Poland (PZPR) is similar to that of other satellite states. On the other hand, it differs from the Communist Party structure of the Soviet Union, and its basic statutes are also different. Centralization is the keynote of Party organization. The highest authority of the Party is embodied in the Party Congress which by virtue of its omnipotence in Party affairs is empowered to change Party statutes, make appointments, settle Party differences, establish policies and promulgate laws and procedures. For direction purposes, during the interim between Party Congresses, which occur at no fixed intervals, the Party Congress chooses a Central Committee. This committee is assisted by two other official bodies: the Central Control Commission of the Party and the Central Auditing Commission. At times the Party Congress deliberately omits the appointment of the Central Control Commission in order to facilitate any personnel or policy changes which may take place at any time.
2. The Central Committee, at its first meeting following the Party Congress, chooses a Political Committee (or Bureau). . . The membership may number from 10 to 20. The Secretariat of the Party, a more influential group than the Political Committee, is the political workshop of the Party. Its responsibility covers everyday Party problems. Despite this formal structure of the Party, the situation differs in practice. Actually, three persons direct the affairs of the Party: BIERUT, BERMAN, and MINC. The distinction as to who is directly involved in major Party decisions depends on the seriousness of the Party business. The triumvirate (BIERUT-BERMAN-MINC) handles most of the top Party affairs. As the import of matters decreases, former members of the PPR (Polish Workers' Party) having strong Party affiliations are brought in. ZAWADZKI, JOZWIAK, and ZAMBROWSKI are thus Party members of this second, less influential category. CYRANKIEWICZ (a former PPS (Polish Socialist Party) member) is included

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when Party business involving his interests is discussed. The Political Bureau of the Party actually is involved in but a few Party decisions. In comparison to the total number of meetings of the triumvirate, the whole membership of the Political Bureau meets very rarely, about once to every ten meetings held by BIERUT, BERMAN, and MINC. [ ] obvious violation of the Party statutes in this arrangement and the fact that the Political Committee is not the closely-knit policy-making group that it is purported to be; [ ] such violations are a common practice and enjoy the approbation of the highest Party chiefs. Its existence is often alluded to as an element of "party discipline".

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3. Next in the Party hierarchy are the Central Committee secretaries. In order of their functional importance, they are listed as follows: Franciszek MAZUR, Roman ZAMBROWSKI, Edward OCHAB, and Edmund PSZCZOLKOWSKI.

#### Functions of the Central Committee Secretaries

4. Each secretary is charged with a particular branch of Party activity (political, economic, agricultural, etc.) which is handled in detail by the branches. One secretary may handle one or many departments depending on the extent and relationship of the activity. Franciszek MAZUR, for example, concerns himself with Organization, Special Industries, Special Section, and possibly the Foreign Affairs Branches. MAZUR [ ]

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[ ] is a highly-respected member of the Party and is believed to have considerable influence with Soviet Communists. He especially excels in organizational work and has been considered as BIERUT's replacement. He has been proposed as the next MBP chief [ ]

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5. Roman ZAMBROWSKI handles Administration, Economics, Communications and Internal Trade. ZAMBROWSKI was a youth leader in Poland, a post he held until RADKIEWICZ (his enemy) took it over. In addition to heading the above-named departments, ZAMBROWSKI controls the General Prosecutor's office, Ministry of Justice and the Special Commission for Economic Transgressions. [ ]

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6. Edward OCHAB is responsible for Mass Propaganda, Press, Education and Culture, Party History and Party Education. [ ] he was active in Party work before the war. [ ]

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7. Edmund PSZCZOLKOWSKI is in charge of Economics. [ ]

[ ] He is an expert in cooperatives and now works in the field of agriculture. [ ] FEJGIN and PSZCZOLKOWSKI are close friends.

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#### Functions of the Central Party Control Commission

8. The main responsibility of the Central Party Control Commission is the maintenance of discipline (and reliability) of Party members. It has the power to censure and exclude members, impose penalties, and suggest that investigative action be taken against individuals or groups within the Party membership. The present head of the Control Commission is Franciszek Witold JOZWIAK. [ ]

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[ ] During the occupation of Poland by the Germans, he was Chief of Staff of the People's Army (AL). After the entry of Soviet troops into Poland, he became head of the MO (Citizens' Militia). Because he was always at loggerheads with Stanislaw RADKIEWICZ, the MBP (Ministry of Public Security) chief, he was nominated Control Minister for Administration. His wife, Helena WOLINSKA, was a high functionary in the MO. She later transferred to the Military Prosecutor's office and now is believed to be working for the I.K.K.N. (Instytut Kształcenia Kadr Naukowych—Political Indoctrination School) (directed by MODZELEWSKI). [ ]

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9. The first assistant to JOZWIAK is a Communist from Lodz, DOLINSKI.

Another assistant to JOZWIAK is Luba JANKOWSKA, a former activist in the Communist Party of Byelorussia.

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her sister (fnu) MOTYLOWA, formerly personnel chief in the MBP. JANKOWSKA's husband is Julian TOKARSKI, who occupies a ministerial post in heavy industry. TOKARSKI served in the Berling Army as a colonel, later joined the KBW and after a short term as secretary of a voivodship committee of the Party, he became a minister. (Fnu) KEDZIERSKI, also a Control Commission member

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His son works for Department V of the MBP. RYCHTER comes from Chrzanow in the Krakow voivodship.

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The last Central Commission member is (fnu) REJMINIAK

When the war ended he moved to Olsztyn where he worked with the Party.

The Control Commission employs one technical assistant, (fnu) SIERADZKA, whose husband is assistant to the head of Department I of the MBP. In terms of authority, the Control Commission is directly responsible to the Central Committee. However, it is chosen by the Party Congress.

#### Branches (Wydzialy) of the Central Committee

10. The individual branches within the Party are:

- a. Organization
- b. Administration
- c. Foreign Affairs
- d. Special Industry (war materiel)
- e. Economics (non-military production)
- f. Internal and External Trade
- g. Communications
- h. Agriculture
- i. Mass Propaganda
- j. Press and Publication
- k. Education and Culture
- l. Party History
- m. Party Education and Training
- n. Special Section (cadres for UB, MON (Ministry of National Defense), WOP, KBW)
- o. Service Section

#### Organization Branch

11. The primary function of the Organization Branch is to organize meetings, conferences, elections, and special activities within the Party. The details of functions such as the Party Congress, meetings of plenums, special conferences of

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voivodship Party chiefs and similar scheduled and unscheduled Party get-togethers are the responsibility of the Organization Branch. This is the largest branch within the Party structure. It employs more than 50 people. The head of the branch is Anthony ALSTER [redacted] a former PPR member who has held this post for many years. [redacted]

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[redacted] He spent several years in the USSR and once held an influential political position in the Union of Polish Patriots (Zwiazek Patriotow Polskich). After the Soviets entered Poland, he was the PPR secretary in Bydgoszcz. His wife, maiden name Lajcia WOLFGANG, uses the name BILSKA and is employed in the office of the director of communal administration. Her sister, Pepka WOLFGANG [redacted] allegedly died of hunger in the Soviet Union. ALSTER has a brother, a colonel in the political section of the MON, who spent some time in Berling's Army. [redacted]

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[redacted] In the recent (1953) army purge of Jews connected with the SIANSKY affair, Anthony ALSTER was threatened with removal from his post but this never took place. He is a close friend of General ROMKOWSKI.

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12. ALSTER's assistant is Stefan MISIASZEK, a Polish Communist [redacted]

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[redacted] ALSTER's second assistant is J. ANDRZEJEWSKI [redacted]

[redacted] Another member of the branch is Mateusz OKS, [redacted]

[redacted] He spent several years in Polish prisons. [redacted]

[redacted] OKS is reputed to be the jack-of-all-trades in the Party [redacted]

#### Administrative Branch

13. This branch concerns itself with administrative problems of the whole country. It deals with the People's Council on the voivodship level and is instrumental in the selection of non-Party candidates for the Sejm. Its other assignments include social security and health problems. The first chief of the Administrative Branch was Henryk SZAFRANSKI [redacted]

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[redacted] Presently, he is in charge of a tool-making factory in Warsaw (Praga). SZAFRANSKI's successor was Stefan MATUSZEWSKI, assistant to the chief of the Political Bureau. [redacted]

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[redacted] His war years were spent in the USSR where he was a political officer in the Berling Army. [redacted]

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MATUSZEWSKI was succeeded in the Administrative Branch possibly by (fnu) RECZEK [redacted]

[redacted] He lasted only a short time, having been delegated to the Central Committee for Physical Culture. [redacted]

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14. Present Administration Department assistants are Kazimierz LEGOMSKI [redacted]

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He headed the local PPR Committee in Krakow prior to obtaining his present post. [redacted]

His wife Bronislawa [redacted] worked in the Personnel Section of the voivodship UB offices in Krakow and when her husband was transferred to [redacted]

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Warsaw, she came to work for the main MBP office. [redacted]

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[redacted] A second assistant is Leon PRZYSUSKI, a doctor with the rank of colonel [redacted] He [redacted]

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was in the USSR during the war serving as a doctor in the Red Army. He joined the Berling Army and on the entry of the Soviets into Poland, he joined the health [redacted]

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section of the MON. His present duties are to maintain close relations with doctors and medical groups in the Administrative Department. Rachela Miodownik, wife of ALSTER's brother, is a hospital aide in a special UB hospital where she attends to high functionaries such as BIERUT, BERMAN, MINC, and others.

Foreign Branch

15. The main responsibility of the Foreign Branch is to maintain close liaison between the Communist Party of Poland and the Communists of foreign countries all over the world. It keeps in close touch with Party activities abroad, maintains correspondence relations and personal contacts (through agents and couriers) in strictly Party Affairs. Officially, it engages in no intelligence work but renders assistance in special projects abroad if necessary. 50X1-HUM
- However, Department VII of the MBP keeps in close touch with this branch. [redacted] the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is subordinate to the Foreign Affairs Branch in matters having to do with Party business. The Foreign Affairs Branch is headed by Ostap DLUSKI, [redacted] who has had many years of experience in France. 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] His office assistant (DLUSKI's) was Teodora FEDER, [redacted] formerly a prisoner in the USSR. 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] She now works for an education unit in the Central Committee of the Communist Party. DLUSKI's assistant is (fnu) WATLE. 50X1-HUM

Special Industries Branch

16. The main responsibility of this branch is to service heavy industry and the armaments works. To stimulate productive activity in these fields, this branch develops plans of production, competitive production methods, and other organizational and administrative arrangements in this field. The chief of this branch is Stanislaw IAPOT, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- He completed a course in political instruction in the USSR. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] in Krakow [redacted] he was first secretary of the Central Committee of the PZPR in Krakow voivodshin. [redacted] in 1948 [redacted] become the present chief of this branch. 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] His former assistant was (fnu) KULINSKI [redacted] who now heads a department in the Ministry of Light Industry (directed now by (fnu) STAWINSKI). 50X1-HUM

17. An important member of the Special Industries Branch is (fnu) OLEJNICZAK [redacted] He is responsible for organizing cadres for Party control of armaments works. His particular function is to delegate Partorg members to the heavy industries and armaments factories. 50X1-HUM

Economics Branch

18. All industries and commercial activities of the country which cannot be classified or related to the arms industries fall within the province of the Economics Branch. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] (KOLE was once chief of this branch and later became the Vice-Minister of Finance.)

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Trade Branch

19. Internal and foreign trade activities are the direct responsibility of this branch. Its chief interest is procuring foreign currencies for Party use.

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Communications Branch

20. This branch deals with Party personnel and oversees the overall performance in the following communication activity: railroads, maritime service, civil air lines, motor bus lines, and possibly the post and telegraph. The branch was formerly headed by Mieczyslaw POPIEL, now Minister of Navigation,

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[redacted] POPIEL's assistant in the branch was (fnu) GORDON, who was purged in 1953 during the anti-Jewish move following the SLANSKY trials. He now heads a small government-owned factory. GORDON's successor is the present Communications Department chief, (fnu) KOWALSKI, a relative newcomer in the Party.

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Agricultural Branch

21. All phases of agricultural activity, particularly cooperatives, are the concern of this branch. Its first chief was Janek CHELCHOWSKI, a member of the Political Bureau of the PZPR and PGR (State Farms) functionary.

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Succeeding CHELCHOWSKI were (fnu) KULIGOWSKI and Edmund PSZCZOLKOWSKI, the latter a member of the Central Committee of the PZPR and now Vice-Minister of the PGR.

One high-ranking functionary was (fnu) KLECHA, a member of the Polish Sejm

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he [redacted] now is in Olsztyn with the voivodship committee of the PZPR.

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Mass Propaganda Branch

22. The main function of this branch is evident from its title. Its principal aim is to imbue in the minds of the masses a Communist spirit. The branch is headed by Artur STAREWICZ

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[redacted] Another functionary of the branch is (fnu) BOGUSZ

Press and Publications Branch

23. All publishing activities in Poland (newspapers, books, periodicals, etc.) are controlled by this branch. Its head is (fnu) STASZEWSKI,

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[redacted] His sister, (fnu) LUDKIEWICZ, is a worker in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

[redacted] STASZEWSKI's assistant is KOWALEWSKI,

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Special Section (Branch)

25. Two units (piony) comprise this branch: the Party and Personnel. Its primary function is to select, advise, and supervise the activity of cadres for all important Party positions in the security and military forces. The personnel unit is headed by (fnu) STREBSKI, [redacted]

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[redacted] Another worker in the branch is (fnu) GODLEWSKA (duties and position unknown). The Party unit employs Gertruda PAWLAK [redacted]

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[redacted] She is the widow of Pawel FINDER who died during the occupation. [redacted]

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Party History Branch

26. The writing of the history of the Polish Communist Party is the main task of the branch. Its task, [redacted] is complicated by the fact that no reliable information exists on the origins of the Party, its most influential and active members, and the nature of its accomplishments. The personality and activity data currently available to the branch has been refuted by Moscow through arrests and purges in the KPP (Polish Communist Party) ranks. The situation has become so desperate that Boleslaw BIERUT made several representations to Moscow in 1949-50 to establish the line to be followed by the history-writing group. [redacted]

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27. The present chief of the branch is (fnu) DANISZEWSKI [redacted] He took over his present job when Soviet troops entered Poland in 1944. DANISZEWSKI's assistant is (fnu) NATANSOHN (who uses the name KOWALSKI or KAMINSKI). [redacted]

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[redacted] Three other members of the branch are: (fnu) MARKOWA, a schoolteacher; (fnu) KAMINSKA [redacted] and (fnu) ZACHARIASZ, a former member of the Central Committee of the KPP. [redacted]

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Service Section

28. Its functions are normal and mainly concern administration of finances, real estate, record keeping, etc. [redacted]

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Party Education Branch

29. This branch organizes the training methods, curricula, school programs, class schedules, etc., but only within the Party. It chooses its lecturers, instructors, and advisers and administers all Party education needs in the country. One member of the branch is Leon FINKELSZTAJN. [redacted]

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[redacted] FINKELSZTAJN travels abroad frequently in connection with Party matters. Another worker in the branch is (fnu) SIWEK (real name DIAMANT), [redacted]

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Personnel Files

30. In 1952, the Personnel Branch was re-organized so that personnel matters of each branch are now the direct concern of secretaries in charge of branches. However, the personnel files are still contained in a central repository where branch secretaries have access to them. These files are maintained by (fnu) ROZANSKA.

Voivodship and County Party Organization

31. The voivodship organization of the Party corresponds nearly in all respects with the Central Party organization. Some differences exist on the branch level, that is, a voivodship may have less branches than the central office. This generally corresponds to the needs of the local organization and thus it is possible that certain branches in the voivodship offices may be combined.
32. Since the county offices represent an even smaller subdivision of the Party, its organizational needs are even more modest. It may have only a few of the more important branches, depending on the nature of its most significant local activity. Frequently, the county and village units are comprised of individuals who are known as instructors rather than branch chiefs.

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